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SUBJ: SALT MEETING, OCTOBER 9, 1973 (SALT TWO-301

1. SUMMARY. SEMENOV TABLED DRAFT AGREEMENT ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS WHICH INCLUDED MRV/MIRV PROPOSAL. HOHSNON STATEMENT. REFERRING TO SEMENOV STATEMENT OF OCT 5, SAID US CANNOT CONSIDER ONE-SIDED PROPOSALS WHICH WOULD UNDERMINE SECURITY US ALLIES OR US ABILITY TO SUPPORT ALLIANCE OBLIGATIONS. NEXT MEETING, OCTOBER 12. END SUMMARY.

2. SEMENOV, SPEAKING FIRST AT OWN REQUEST, STATED THAT HE HAD INSTRUCTIONS FROM SOVIET UNION LEADERSHIP TO TABLE DRAFT OF A PERMANENT AGREEMENT ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS. HE SAID THAT BASIC PRINCIPLES OF NEGOTIATIONS ASSIGNED BOTH SIDES TASK OF MAKING SERIOUS EFFORTS TO WORK OUT PERMANENT AGREEMENT ON MORE COMPLETE MEASURES TO LIMIT STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF SIGNING IT IN 1974.

3. SOMENOV SAID THAT SUCCESSFUL AND TIMELY IMPLEMENTATION OF THAT TASK REQUIRES, IN ADDITION TO PRESENTING RATIONALE FOR EACH SIDE'S APPROACH, MOVING TO SPECIFIC WORKING OUT OF DRAFT PERMANENT AGREEMENT. DURING PAST TWO WEEKS

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SOVDEL OUTLINED SOVIET APPROACH AND EMPHASIZED POSITIONS

OF PRINCIPLE ON BASIS OF WHICH IT IS PREPARED TO SEEK MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS AND US DEL ALSO HAD OUTLINED DEFINITE CONSIDERATIONS. USSR GOVERNMENT, HAVING TAKEN ACCOUNT OF EXCHANGES OF VIEWS, INSTRUCTED SOVDEL TO TABLE CONCRETE DRAFT PERMANENT AGREEMENT WHICH ALSO TAKES ACCOUNT OF US DEL CONSIDERATIONS. HE THEN READ TEXT OF DRAFT AGREEMENT (SUMMARY) AND FULL TEXT OF DRAFT SENT SEPTELS.

4. JOHNSON SAID HE HAD A STATEMENT ON A VERY IMPORTANT MATTER OF PRINCIPLE WHICH ALSO APPLICABLE TO SOME PORTIONS OF DRAFT AGREEMENT WHICH SEMENOV HAD JUST TABLED. REFERRING TO SEMENOV STATEMENT OF OCTOBER 5 ON UNILATERAL WITHDRAWAL OF CERTAIN CENTRAL AND NON-CENTRAL FORCES, HE SAID SOVIET PROPOSAL WOULD WORK BASIC CHANGES IN REGIONAL MILITARY BALANCES WITHOUT DEALING WITH THE SITUATION WHICH NECESSITATES US DEFENSIVE ALLIANCES AND DEPLOYMENTS OF US FORCES AT SEA AND ABROAD.

5. JOHNSON STATED "BASIC PRINCIPLES OF RELATIONS" EXPLICITLY RECOGNIZED THAT DEVELOPMENT OF US-USSR RELATIONS IS NOT DIRECTED AGAINST OTHER COUNTRIES' INTERESTS AND DO NOT AFFECT EARLIER ASSUMED OBLIGATIONS TO OTHER COUNTRIES. MOREOVER, "BASIC PRINCIPLES OF NEGOTIATIONS" STATE SIDES GUIDED BY RECOGNITION EACH OTHER'S EQUAL SECURITY INTERESTS WHICH US HAS MADE CLEAR ENCOMPASSES SECURITY INTERESTS OUR ALLIES. HE REPEATED THAT US CANNOT CONSIDER IN SALT ONE-SIDED PROPOSALS WHICH WOULD UNDERMINE ALLIES' SECURITY OR US ABILITY TO SUPPORT ALLIANCE OBLIGATIONS AND THUS WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH ABOVE PRINCIPLES. JOHNSON THEN REITERATED MAY 15 NON-CIRCUMVENTION PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD NOT AFFECT EITHER SIDE'S OBLIGATIONS TO OTHER COUNTRIES AND WOULD PROVIDE EQUITABLE AND DEFINITIVE SOLUTION THIS ISSUE. HE CONCLUDED THAT US PROPOSALS ARE CONSISTENT WITH SUMMIT GUIDANCE TO DELEGATIONS AND HAVE BEEN ELABORATED IN DETAIL AND THEIR RATIONALE EXTENSIVELY DISCUSSED. HE ADDED THAT SOVIET DRAFT AGREEMENT WOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO USG. JOHNSON

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